

JANUARY 14, 1808.

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Read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole house  
on Monday next.

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## A Bill,

For the relief of Alexander Baillie.

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1    *Sec. 1. BE it enacted by the senate and house of representatives*  
2    *of the United States of America, in congress assembled, That the*  
3    secretary of the treasury be, and he is hereby authorized and re-  
4    quired, by himself or some trusty agent, whom he may appoint for  
5    the purpose ; to inquire into the pecuniary circumstances of Alex-  
6    der Baillie, late collector of the customs for the port of Natchez,  
7    in the Mississippi territory, who has been arrested and imprisoned  
8    at the suit of the United States in said territory ; and if said  
9    Alexander Baillie, shall assign and convey to the secretary aforesaid,  
10   all the estate, real and personal, which he may own or be entitled  
11   to in possession, remainder or reversion, to the proper use and be-  
12   nefit of the United States, or if he, the said Baillie, shall prove to  
13   the satisfaction of the secretary, or agent aforesaid, that he has no

14 estate, and has not transferred all or any part of his property, with  
15 intent to avoid the payment of the sum for which he is imprisoned,  
16 or to defraud the United States, then the said secretary shall give  
17 to said Baillie a certificate, discharging him from the custody of the  
18 sheriff, under the suit aforesaid, instituted in favor of the United  
19 States: *Provided*, That said Baillie, shall pay and satisfy all fees  
20 and expenses, which may have arisen in consequence of his im-  
21 prisonment aforesaid: *And provided also*, That nothing in this act  
22 shall be construed to discharge the securities of said Baillie, from  
23 their liability to pay the whole, or any part of the sum of money, due  
24 from said Baillie to the United States, nor to release any estate  
25 which the said Baillie may hereafter acquire, from being liable to  
26 satisfy such sum of money as he may stand indebted to the United  
27 States, after deducting whatever amount his said securities may be  
28 compelled to pay, by virtue of the bond given by said Baillie, as  
29 collector aforesaid.